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Application of:)
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

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 Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This correspondence is responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office mailed March 29, 2002 setting a response date of two months from the date of the Notice or by 22 or 32 months (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) from the priority date for the application, whichever is later. This correspondence is being submitted within one month from the date of this Notice.

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed March 29, 2002, we enclose the following documents/items.

1. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected office (DO/EO/US).
2. A Declaration in this application executed by the inventor(s). The Declaration includes the name(s) of the inventor(s), the title of the invention, and the International Appln. No. and filing date of the application. The application that the

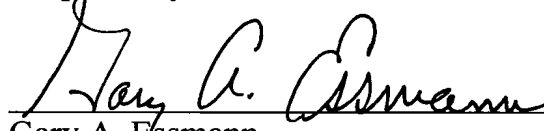
inventor(s) executed by signing the attached declaration is believed adequately identified in accordance with 1177 OG 60 of August 5, 1995.

3. Also attached is an Information Disclosure Statement with references.

4. Payment in the amount of \$1,020 representing the international preliminary examination fee of \$890 and a surcharge of \$130 for furnishing the declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date was forwarded with the initial application on January 21, 2002. It is believed that no fees are due at this time. However, if additional fees are required, please charge Andrus, Scales, Starke & Sawall Deposit Account No. 01.2000. A duplicate copy of this submission is attached.

Issuance of a Notice of Acceptance and entry of this application into the National Phase is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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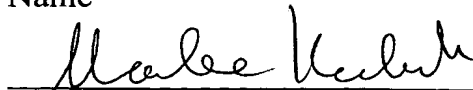
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